

The ANSGAR LUTHERAN

XXXI

Blair, Nebraska, April 14, 1958

Number 15

How to Get Out of Debt

By Wesley C. Smeal

get out of debt will require light, planning and effort. It will require a real desire to get out. It requires genuine love for those we owe. It will take sincere and honest concern. It requires thankfulness to those who were willing to grant us a benefit. Here is the way out:

Pray your way out of debt. Do not be anxious about anything; in all circumstances, by prayer and entreaty joined with thanksgiving, make your needs known to God. Then the peace of God, which is beyond all human understanding, will stand guard over your hearts and thoughts, through your union with Christ Jesus" (Phil. 4:6, 7).

Through prayer we make connection with the vast reservoir of supply. "God shall supply all your needs according to his riches in Christ Jesus" (Phil. 4:19). Laying aside all anxiety, praying fervently and creatively, experiencing the peace of God in our hearts and thoughts, and uniting ourselves to Jesus Christ, there is realized the state of receptivity. It is then we "ask" and "receive."

Praying your way out of debt, remember it is not God's will for us to be burdened with personal debt. The Bible says, "Owe no man anything." It is God's will for us to be out of debt.

Give yourself out of debt. One of some things you can give is something that will be useful to someone else. Start giving!

There may be some old clothes that someone could use. Look around—see what you can find. Anything you can give away that will be worth something to someone is an important step toward becoming debt-free. Jesus taught, "Give, and it shall be given unto you; good measure, pressed down, . . . and running over, shall men give into your bosom. For with the same measure that ye mete withal it shall be measured to you again" (Luke 6:38).

Giving involves more than just "things." It means to give to others our love, our joy, our peace, our good will. "Give all you can," is an important rule for getting out of debt.

3. Work yourself out of debt. Work is one of the greatest things in the world. Think of it as a gift you can present to others—a gift of love. In this way you make yourself worthy of the material benefits which you should receive. As we give ourselves fully to the task, we reap fullness in return.

We must not waste time. Idleness cannot get us out of debt. We must do good work. We will be rewarded.

Work is the price we pay for rest. "And on the seventh day God ended his work . . . and he rested . . ." (Gen. 2:2). A five-day week may not get us out of debt—it may take a six-day week. And, God prospers those who keep the seventh day of the week holy.

4. Save yourself out of debt. It

may be necessary to explain to the children why they cannot have everything they want. "Mary . . . John . . . we're paying on the house . . . We're just about through paying for the car . . . You see, we are getting out of debt." Save to pay!

5. Pay yourself out of debt. Pay God. Give Him the tithe. Pay man. We must take our bills seriously. We cannot say, "I must have this," or "I must have that piece of furniture." Pay your debts first.

Let us recapitulate: How do we get out of debt?

1. Pray. God wants us to ask. We can ask largely. We must ask unselfishly. In prayer we open the door for God to act. You pray; God acts.

2. Give. There is very little hope for the man who thinks only of his own needs. How can we have faith for the man who robs God—who does not include God in his pay check? It takes real honesty—with both God and man—to get out of debt.

3. Work. God will do His part. We must do ours. We reap what we sow.

4. Save. It is necessary to spend wisely all funds coming into our possession. Christian economy must be practiced.

5. Pay. We must use our money for real needs. "Wherefore do ye spend money for that which is not bread?" (Isa. 55:2). Do we know what dedicated money is? In paying man, whether for taxes, insurance, rentals, foods and other needs, let us remember that we are paying our fellowmen for services. Do not begrudge the payments. In giving to God, or "paying" the tithe, we must give with the understanding

(Continued on Page 13)

News and Notes

OUR FOREIGN MISSIONS

Pastor N. B. Hansen, president of our foreign mission board reports that the board met Feb. 11 at Wartburg Seminary, Dubuque, Iowa.

The budget for the year was set at \$80,932.00. We reported last week that two new missionary families are called.

A booklet, "The Word Goes Forth" is published jointly with WMS.

Dr. J. M. T. Winther of Japan has been invited to come home from Japan. He is over 80 and he would be an inspiration in our midst.

Mr. and Mrs. Donald Wahlgren of Sudan will be at Wartburg, Dubuque, Iowa, till next year, when Mr. Wahlgren expects to be ordained and when they expect to return to Sudan.

Miss Helen M. Jacobsen will be returning to Sudan, Africa this month. Miss Helen Danielson will be spending most of the year in the States before returning to Colombia, South America.

Come out of Hiding. One of the pastors of the synod, who has recently moved writes in a letter to his members, that it will take some time before he is able to get to call on them. With the many evening meetings (and evenings are the only time the members are at home) it may take him a long time to meet his members. However, he suggests that they can remedy this situation themselves by coming to church. Many of our readers may read this note with no little profit.

WISCONSIN W.M.S.

"The Northern Circuit meeting of the Wisconsin District W.M.S. will be held at Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Neenah, Wisconsin, on April 20.

The meeting is scheduled for 3:30 p.m. with Pastor Edward Wilde of Green Bay, Wisconsin, as the speaker.

Please send supper reservations before April 19 to Mrs. B. W. Lintner, P.O. Box 348, Neenah, Wisconsin."

PASTORS STUDY WEEK

The Pastors Study Week in Pastoral Psychology will be held June 16-20 on the campus of Trinity and Wartburg Seminaries. Dr. Paul L. Holmer, professor of philosophy at the

University of Minnesota, and a member of the Augustana Lutheran Church, will be the guest lecturer. Dr. Holmer has been a visiting lecturer at both Garrett Biblical Institute and Chicago Lutheran Seminary, was a Fulbright research professor at the University of Copenhagen and a lecturer at Frankfurt University in Germany. His topic for the week will be, "Reflections on Contemporary Theology and Philosophy." Dr. Wm. E. Hulme, professor of pastoral theology and pastoral counseling at Wartburg Seminary, will complete the full time faculty with a series of lectures on "Pastoral Therapy." The evening programs include Chaplain John Keller on "Ministry to Alcoholics," Dr. Wm. D. Streng on "Current Trend in Christian Education" Miss Glenda Mabrey on "Problem Solving through Group Discussion," and a program concerning ministry to the aged. The cost for the week, including board and room, is twenty-five dollars.

Sidney, Montana, Pella Lutheran Church, Rev. Stanley Larsen, Pastor. On March the 9th, thirty-eight new members were received into our church, by baptism, confirmation and transfer. On March 30th, a class of 34 young people were confirmed in Pella. Two of these were from Brorson congregation.

Now that the new parsonage has been completed, the old one is being used for Sunday school and Bible classes, as well as committee meetings. We hope to be able to complete plans for the new parish house in the near future. The old parsonage will be incorporated into this new building and connected to the church, giving us modern and complete facilities for the work of the Sunday school and the other youth programs of our church.

New Church in Mexico Asks Names of Lutherans

Names of English-speaking Lutherans in Mexico are being requested for the new English-language Lutheran Church about to be organized in Mexico City.

Pastor Hjalmer F. Hanson has accepted the call to the new congregation, which is being organized jointly by the American Lutheran Church and the Evangelical Lutheran Church. He will arrive in Mexico during June.

Lutherans in America having relatives, friends, or acquaintances in Mexico City are urged to send names and addresses to Prof. Wm. E. Nehrenz, Apartado 24, Mexico D. F., Mexico.

California W.M.S. The Women of the Church circuit meeting was held at St. Andrew Church in Whittier, California, on Tuesday, February 14. Six churches of the U.E.L.C. in Southern California participating. There were 111 ladies present.

Presiding were the Chairman, Ruth Petrusson and the W.M.S. President of the Pacific District, Mrs. Samuel Hansen.

This meeting was in the form of a Workshop, with a committee for the following:

1. Circles: Evelyn Down, Oliveth Lutheran Church.
2. Education: Val Cole, St. Andrew Lutheran Church.
3. Life Membership and Promotion: Lois Eggers, Trinity Lutheran Church.
4. Missions and Charities: Mrs. Madsen, St. Paul's Lutheran Church.
5. Local Service: Beverly Peterson, Valley Lutheran Church.

As the groups met separately, the ladies chose the group they wished to attend. Afterward, a question and answer period was given, the results made and it proved to be so successful, another meeting will be planned for the Fall months.

A musical number was given by a lady from each church, and we enjoyed each beautiful number.

Mrs. Samuel Hansen, the W.M.S. president for the Pacific District, presented an interesting display of Mission District projects.

A splendid luncheon was served by the Women of St. Andrew Lutheran Church.

In the afternoon, an interesting program was presented by Mrs. Allan Hansen of St. Paul's entitled, "Introducing Our Missions."

THE ANSGAR LUTHERAN, Official Organ of the United Evangelical Lutheran Church, published weekly by Lutheran Publishing House, Blair, Nebr.

Much of our news is received from Religious News Service, and the News Bureau of the National Lutheran Council.

JOHN M. JENSEN, Editor
321 East 8th Street
Spencer, Iowa

Otto H. Stave, Business Manager. Subscription price: United States and Canada, \$2.00 per year in advance; foreign countries, \$3.00. Everything pertaining to the Youth Department should be sent to the editor at Spencer, Iowa. A special rate of \$2.00 per year is offered Bible classes and organizations of the church when ten or more copies are sent to one address, and \$1.00 per year if the congregation has The Ansgar Lutheran in every home—Church Paper in Every Home Plan. Subscriptions, remittances, change of address, advertisements and all communications pertaining to the Business Department should be sent to the Lutheran Publishing House at the Post Office at Blair, Nebraska, under Act of March 3, 1879.

Editorials and Comments

IS THIS A RIGHT DIAGNOSIS?

An important little item is lacking in our age" says Gulf Overland, a Norwegian writer. He goes on to

The melody has disappeared! It is dried up. We have no song, we have only some theories. We have no piety, only creeds. We have no earnestness, only We have no joy, only amusements. We have no sense of mind, only apathy."

We do not even know how to loaf decently. If we have a free evening, we get restless. Our leisure time has become a problem for us. We don't really enjoy it. We do not know what we shall do with our life."

Another writer says, "We stagger along toward life without knowing why . . ."

Is this a correct diagnosis? Will any one write us about it?

A NEW TYPE OF CHURCH SERVICES

The question of how to meet the need of the present modern man always presents itself to the pastor. Our present method is to have one very festive morning service. In that service the pastor tries to minister to the whole congregation.

Such a service is of course always needed. We need a liturgy and we need a chance for the whole congregation to meet and worship in unison. Perhaps it is that the sermon has become rather short, which makes it possible for young and old to participate in the service.

But any pastor, such as your editor, will always ask the question, if this morning service is adequate to minister to the whole congregation?

Some try to have two and three identical services, but that of course increases the potential attendance, but it does not answer the question raised.

Again we read about the family services. No doubt the family services meet a need, and yet, are they the right answer?

It may be argued that we have the Sunday School and the Bible classes. And we certainly take that for granted. We get much blessing every Sunday morning in both Sunday School and the Bible class. Your editor happens to speak five minutes to the kindergarten and the primary groups at the beginning of the Sunday school, and then he goes up to an adult Bible class which is a constant inspiration. He conducts the class, and no doubt he gets more out of it than most of the members. Yet he feels that much more could be done. Perhaps we should have the church open from six in the morning till twelve noon, so that we could have at least four different things going on in the church during the forenoon. There should be only one great service, "high mass." There should be the regular Sunday School. The other events should be aimed at meeting the particular need of the people.

We have sometimes thought it strange that the congregations with more than one pastor do not try different experiments Sunday morning.

Perhaps we should have a Communion every Sunday morning.

One or two of the other services could well have different themes or discuss different aspects of the Christian faith.

Perhaps mid-week services could be conducted during Advent. During the other weeks, when vacations and other things distract people, it might be well to conduct a series of lectures that might enlighten and stimulate the more persevering members.

We have raised a question, and we would like to have some letters about this question, especially from lay people. Write us whether you agree with us or not.

THE SYNODICAL BUDGET

We have written about some problems in the first two notes that may not seem so practical. However, here is something very practical. The synodical budget should be met by May 1st, 1958. Last year we almost made it. Why not make a heroic effort and make it this year?

We do not think the budget is too high. We have reasons for thanksgiving that Dana is now fully accredited. This should help to gain more students for next year.

There is no reason at all why you should prefer any other school to Dana.

We have only two years and a half left before we merge. Let us therefore keep up the good work and let us enter the new church with flying colors.

A STINGING REMARK

A French journalist has interviewed Khrushchev at Moscow about his belief in God. Khrushchev says he only believes in science. This does not satisfy the Christian. Science changes, but God does not change. We carry the interview on page 15.

First, Khrushchev does not believe in anything but what man is able to attain in this world. A man lives and dies as an animal. There is no God and no eternal life.

He believes in a material good life in this world. Communism is the method by which this good life is to be attained.

We know that Khrushchev is wrong and that history proves him wrong. No man-made system will be able to usher in complete social justice. For man is a sinner.

We do find that Khrushchev's remark that a small handful of millionaires and billionaires have enormous wealth and millions of people are without jobs is a rather stinging remark.

It is ridiculous to think of the country filled with food stored up in bins, while the people walk the streets without a chance to earn enough to get the food.

We believe in a free economy, but perhaps this free economy has to learn a few things. How can it become more Christian?

Church News from here and there

FIRST EDITION OF NEW LUTHERAN HYMNAL SOLD OUT

Advance orders from publishing houses have been received for all 635,000 copies of the first edition of a new Lutheran Service Book and Hymnal.

Dr. Edgar S. Brown, Jr., executive director of the Department of Worship of the United Lutheran Church in America, said the 1,024-page volume would be distributed by publishing houses of the eight denominations, members of the National Lutheran Council, which cooperated in the publishing venture.

Liturgical changes and many new hymns and tunes are contained in the hymnal, said Dr. Brown, who is chairman of the Joint Promotional Committee for the new book.

Twelve years in the making, the new hymnal is expected to hasten the day when more than 4,000,000 Lutherans in some 11,000 congregations in the U. S. and Canada will be united in their forms of worship and their hymns, Dr. Brown said.

In addition to 602 hymns, many with alternate tunes, the new book contains the liturgical forms used by most Lutheran churches in their worship throughout the world.

Scores of area meetings are being held to acquaint pastors, choir directors, organists and choristers with the music and liturgical forms in the book.

ROSTOCK DESIGNATED AS 'CITY OF CHURCH RECONSTRUCTION'

The Soviet Zone city of Rostock in Mecklenburg has been designated as the 1958 'City of Church Reconstruction' by the Evangelical Church in Germany.

This means that special Church-sponsored collections and fund-raising drives will be conducted throughout East and West Germany to repair churches destroyed in Rostock during World War II.

Rostock, which suffered especially heavy damage in the war, was designated in 1957 also as the City of Church Reconstruction. Only three of the city's many Protestant churches survived the war without damage.

The practice of naming one of Germany's most-damaged cities as the beneficiary of the Church drives was begun in 1954. Previous cities aided were Dresden, Frankfurt-on-Oder, and Magdeburg, all in the Soviet Zone.

UN GROUP HEARS WARNING AGAINST MINIMIZING FATHER'S ROLE

A representative of an international Catholic women's organization cautioned at Geneva that minimizing the father's role not only upsets the family balance but hinders young boys in their development toward maturity.

She was Miss Agnes de Kalbermatten of Switzerland, who addressed the United Nations Commission on the Status of Women as an observer for the World Union of Catholic Women's Organizations.

Miss de Kalbermatten referred to the role of fathers in a speech discussing a report on the access of women to higher education. The report was presented jointly by the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization and the International Federation of University Women.

She said that "an important point which tends to be neglected" in the case of highly developed countries is that the importance assumed by women in various professional, economic and cultural fields has helped to undermine the position of fathers.

"Woman's expanding role—sometimes due to the absence of the father in wartime—has resulted," she said, "in minimizing the effective role of the father who tends, at least in appearance, to be no more than the family's material provider."

Miss de Kalbermatten said it is exaggerated "to speak in certain cases of man's veritable inferiority complex or feeling of uselessness."

"And the consequences of this," she added, "are felt particularly in the defective development toward maturity of young boys and the upset of the balance of the family."

In her remarks on the report submitted to the Commission, Miss de Kalbermatten said it made only a passing reference to the importance of the "general culture" of women, which, she argued, is a much bigger problem than that of women coming to higher education.

Elements which might be discerned in the general culture of women, she said, were the realization by women of their richness of spirit in the face of world problems from historical, geographical, economic and artistic viewpoints; and of their social and political role in the problems of their own country, province, town or village.

(Continued on Page 13)

The Wrestler

By S. T. Eward

THE RABBI SAID HE WOULD PREACH ABOUT IT

"Should Judaism Become A Missionary Religion?" will be the sermon topic of Rabbi . . . at the 9:00 Sabbath services Friday at Beth Israel Temple.

This is an announcement from a city newspaper.

The same question might be asked concerning some Christian congregations, judging by the attitude with which they approach the subject of budgets. The issue is always to see if they can keep the spending down and thus reduce the outlay of cash. The question is never "how many more are there who have not heard the gospel" or "how much more is there for the church to do in the ministry of mercy?" or "how much more is there to do with parish education?" or "how can we improve our parish education program quality-wise?"

To approach church finances with this "slant" is to raise some serious suspicions about how missionary-minded a congregation is. The acid test of how missionary-minded a church is may be learned by its approach to spending, by what governs its thinking—"let's try to keep the budget down" or "let's do as much as we possibly can."

The Rabbi's question, of course, referred to the traditional outlook of Judaism. The Jewish people have adopted a policy of not seeking to

converts, to live and let live, to not try to change people from what they are. They have been content to keep their own and be self-contained, thinking that what they have is sufficient. They see little reason to adopt another policy. Now the Rabbi wishes to re-think the position. The reasons for re-opening the subject should produce some exciting action in Judaism.

It is understandable that religion which teaches what Judaism does not is a missionary religion. But it is equally consistent that a religion which teaches what Christianity does should be a missionary religion. It is contradictory that people who say they believe what Christianity teaches care so little about missionary activity. Equally contradictory is the practice of people saying they believe in missionary activity while putting so much effort into doing so little to carry on the work or trying so hard to keep the amount they give to the work so low.

This subject is important to the wrestler because it is so intimately related to his approach to giving. The amount a person wants to give is determined in the soil of the proposition that the Christian religion is a missionary religion.

The Washington Observer

By Gerhard Lenski

"THE FLOOD GATES OF INFLATION"

The above title is not of the author's making. He has simply borrowed it from a brother commentator who insists that the flood gates of inflation are now wide open and that Mr. Humphrey's promised "air-raising" depression has already rounded the corner.

Our brother has, no doubt, overestimated his case in order to waken from slumber. At the same time, there is argument on his side. Only look at the situation. The Administration wants to stave off depression. How? By an enlarged spending program, already set in motion. The farmer, in righteous rebellion against rising prices and falling receipts for farm products, needs help. Washington's answer? We will toss the farmer to the wolves. We will increase production. We will maintain, or increase parity. And now along comes Mr. Reuther, storming because living costs are high and the big makers are still making a handsome profit. Enough of that, says Walter. We will raise wages, increase benefits, cut the price on new cars, give the workers a regular share in the company's profit! Add up these programs, these take-away ideas, these sweeping demands. Is it any wonder that some of us become bewildered and others cautious?

While no quick, easy panacea is likely to be found, there are still plenty of simple measures that reasonably sensible people should be employing in the present crisis. The over-all situation certainly should not be disregarded by any group, however much abused, should not seek to help itself at the expense of other groups or of the whole. Spending should continue, but it should be wise, constructive and careful spending. Production should go on and it should be encouraged, well controlled and directed to the meeting of human

needs rather than to unneeded luxuries. Money should be put to work. It should be invested and utilized for production and there should always be a cushion of reserve over against the day of unexpected trouble which may always confidently be expected.

In short, let's have less of grandiose schemes, less of revolutionary ideas, less of "Peruna" as our brother puts it, all this with more of something that grandfather once called "plain, every day common sense."

And so let us set about closing "the flood gates of inflation."

IMPRESSIONS MADE BY MR. REUTHER

The impressions made by Mr. Reuther in connection with his appearances before the Senate Investigating Committee in Washington are varied. They are also inconclusive in so far as any resolving of the issues at stake are concerned. The proponents of the union-labor cause, naturally enough, are admiring and praising Mr. Reuther. Those opposed to Mr. Reuther have not been won over to his side of the case. Rather would it appear that they have been strengthened in their opposition to him.

Mr. Reuther is not to be classified with Mr. Beck or Mr. Hoffa. His record stands out in sharp contrast to theirs. Still there are these qualities which he displays which tend to unite him with them. His bold and brash speech, his smooth and extended explanations, his use of diversionary tactics, his quickness to hurl a counter-charge when he is confronted with an embarrassing fact—these methods, while they often appear successful measures, finally become self-defeating and they have served to create a rising tide of opposition against him.

Mr. Reuther is a great leader. There is little doubt about that. He serves in a cause where a great leader is needed. It is much to be

hoped that his great gifts will be wisely and kindly used. Evil cannot be overcome by evil. Evil cannot be overcome by facile speech, long argument, strategy at the bargaining table, propaganda or pressure methods. Only good can finally overcome evil. Yes, this is a great simplification of a highly complex problem. Nevertheless, it does point the way Mr. Reuther must try harder to go as he now so boldly serves the members of his great union. Mr. Reuther is strong—but he needs still more strength. He needs the strength that Christ alone can give. It is the prayer of many that he will both find and use such strength.

SOMETHING CALLED UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE

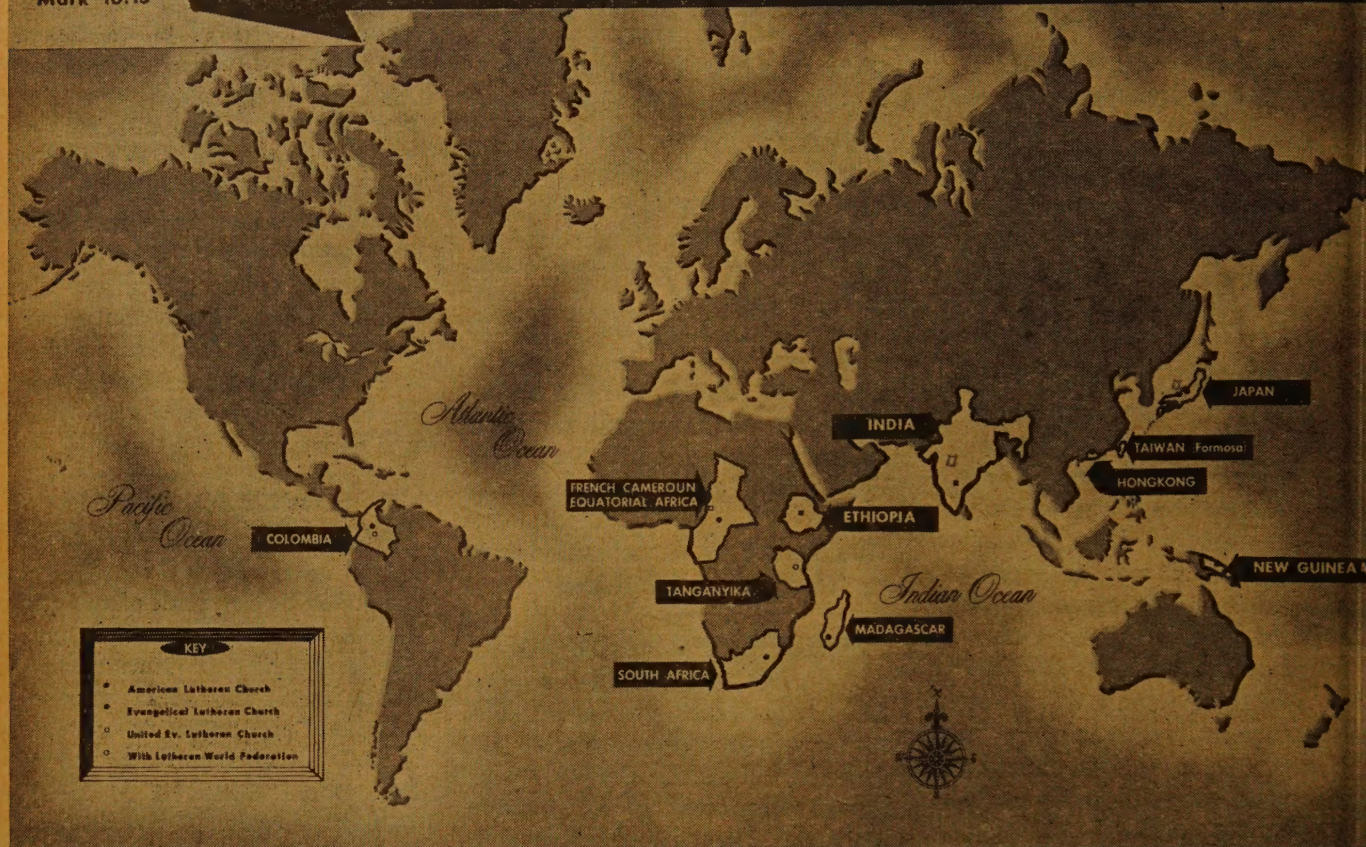
How many of us who are deeply immersed in the work of the church understand and appreciate our nation's unemployment insurance system? Surely as Christians concerned about our brother's welfare we should know something about it and, if we regard it as good, we should be ready to do our part to make it effective.

The present plan to pay partial support to the unemployed while they are looking for jobs, is a part of a nation-wide program which came into effect with the Social Security Act passed in the depression year of 1935. About two-thirds—43 million out of our nation's 67 million civilian laborers—now have a coverage by means of which, when unemployed, they may receive benefits equal to half their average earnings. The weekly payments granted are said to be about \$30. The length of time for which they may be made varies with different states and averages about 20 weeks. Previous earnings, length of time employed and number of dependents also enter into the computation of amounts paid. Employers bear the cost through taxes paid under state and Federal management. A \$200 million loan fund is maintained from which states may borrow when their own reserves run low. The total reserves in the Federal fund are given as \$8 billion.

(Continued on Page 13)

"GO INTO ALL THE WORLD"

Mark 16:15



FOREIGN MISSIONS OF THE A.L.C., E.L.C., U.E.L.C., 1958

THE FOREIGN MISSIONS OF THE MERGED CHURCH

THE WMS'S OF THE THREE CHURCHES HAVE A WIDE HORIZON

By WMS Leaders

A.L.C.'S FOREIGN MISSION FIELDS

The foreign mission fields in the ALC are located in three countries—New Guinea, India, and Ethiopia. To concentrate on the varied work being done in the first two fields, which are of long standing, the WMF has set up a special department to gather information and present it to the members, as well as to provide opportunities for service.

ALC Mission in New Guinea

Serving Jesus through the New Guinea Missions Department brings joy to many souls. Every year a large shipment of "Christmas Cheer" items go to the field, gifts for both mission personnel and natives. This includes from 35,000 to 50,000 garments for the natives, made by WMF members in the homeland; also gifts for missionaries and their families. The valuation on these varied gifts ranges from \$20,000 to \$30,000 annually. Each spring finds well over 100 women volunteering for the work of packing this merchandise at the central sending station in Chicago for shipment overseas.

Also, other opportunities are available to serve through gifts of money to carry on our great program—not only transportation charges for the "Christmas Cheer" boxes, but definite projects on the field. Many items are purchased

wholesale, such as sweat and "T" shirts for natives 5,000 annually), medical supplies (including bandage soap, sewing notions, and school supplies.

Another project is the maintaining of the native School and staff salaries at Nobonob—also the C. School at Madang. Our money is not paying for "the exactly, in this later instance, but it is helping to develop Christian lives among our native and Chinese population.

ALC Mission in India

WMF's of the ALC help send the light of the Gospel to the women of India in the church's three-fold program of evangelism, healing, and teaching. The Federation is supporting at the present time two American Bible Women and approximately sixty nationals, who go out daily into the streets and villages of India, seeking souls for Christ. Not only are these women evangelists, but they are teachers, assisting those unable to read; for unless a woman can read their Bibles, one of the avenues of spiritual development is closed. A Bible School is maintained at Kapatli for training these Bible women.

Through medical missions the WMF also sends the light to far off India. The Federation built and maintains Katharine Lehmann Hospital in Renigunta, where surgery and healing are brought to over a hundred in-patients and out-patients daily.

nally, through education the WMF brings light also to a by maintaining two schools: The Atzinger Girls' Industrial School and Widows' Home at Nayudupet, and Sheatsley Memorial High School for Girls at Gudur. n schools have boarding facilities.

esides the above-mentioned projects, gifts are given the Christian Medical College Hospital in Vellore, for ous study allowances and scholarships, new cars and r maintenance. All WMF funds for this program come n the May Mother's Day offering. WMF'ers deem it enuine privilege to help in some small measure in bring- the Gospel light to India.

ALC Mission in Ethiopia

he ALC began work in a new mission field in a new ntry in 1957—Ethiopia. Two missionaries and their ilies have begun the study of the language, Amharic ated to Arabic and Hebrew, and have arranged for sing facilities, headquarters, and native staff at Addis ba, the capital.

he northeastern part of Ethiopia, Wallo Province, is the d assigned for our mission endeavors, as various Lu- ran groups cover other sections. About two million ple live in this area. They are either Mohammedan or an, and are entirely without the Gospel.

SPREADING THE WORD AROUND THE WORLD

BY THE ELC

And many nations shall be joined to the Lord in that, and shall be my people." Zech. 2:11.

What part do we, the one million members of the Evan- cal Lutheran Church, have in assisting the nations of world to be joined to the Lord? Even more specifically, the women of our Church play a significant role in the sion of His Kingdom beyond the borders of the United s?

rief survey would reveal that the Evangelical Lu- ran Church is presently participating in mission work Colombia, Japan, Taiwan, Hong Kong, and in Zululand, agascar, the Sudan and Tanganyika. Originally our sion efforts were independent endeavors; today, how- r, they are largely cooperative with other Lutheran urches. The type of work varies somewhat on the dif- ent fields, but in general there is evidence of a growing phasis on medical missions, centered in well-operated pitals, and on educational opportunities in schools from elementary level to the Bible School and seminary. Our urch is well aware that the day of the white missionary waning, and that soon we shall have to depend entirely n the native Christian leadership. Rising nationalism and speed in bringing about this change of leadership, yet our missionaries realize that a degree of Christian turity is necessary if lasting results are to be achieved. d so, our present missionary finds himself in the peculiar ition of trying to work himself out of a job with the ost speed!

he women of our Church have for many years given annual individual gift through the Mission Box. This sizeable sum which is applied to the budget, and divid- equally between Home and Foreign Missions. A project each biennium is also undertaken; our present project the construction of an elementary boarding school in amoso, Colombia, costing \$80,000. Other special mission ects have been supported by funds given for Life Mem- ships and In Memoriams.

ome district, circuit and individual W.M.F. organizations o sponsor missionaries, native workers, or provide funds tudent scholarships, hospital improvements, visual pment, etc. Some organizations provide materials for in hospitals, clothing, etc., that can be put to use by sionaries.

Women of the Church do much to publicize world mis- sions by entertaining missionaries on furlough, and provid- ing opportunities for them to speak to congregations via special meetings, mission festivals etc. Each woman has been encouraged to write inspirational notes to at least one missionary, and to pray specifically for problems on that field. It is in the area of prayer that we can expect the greatest accomplishments. Only our Lord can judge the value of our efforts; He alone knows whether we are sacrificing in order to support our missionaries, eagerly awaiting the day when many nations shall be joined to the Lord. May God grant that we may be found faithful!

FOREIGN MISSIONS OF THE U.E.L.C.

The United Evangelical Lutheran Church always has been mission-minded. Our fields lie in Asia, South America, and Africa. In the latter we collaborate with Sudan Mis- sion of Denmark, in Colombia with the Evangelical Luther- an Church, in Japan with ULCA, and in Santalistan, India, with The Lutheran Church of Norway, Denmark, USA and Canada.

Japan

Dr. J. M. T. Winther began at Saga on Kyushu Island, 1898, and later worked at Kurume and at the seminary at Kumamoto. In 1903 UELC began financing the mission and sending out personnel. Dr. and Mrs. J. P. Nielsen, Rev. and Mrs. D. G. M. Bach, Miss Maya Winther, Rev. Lloyd Neve, Rev. and Mrs. Paul Johnson are among those sent from our synod through these years. The bringing of the Gospel must vary according to the needs of every present situation. Accordingly, Colonies of Mercy, child care centers, bookmobiles, Boy Scout troops, Bible Schools, Seminaries; classes in English, nutrition, music; newspaper and radio evangelization are some of the means used in Japan.

Sudan

The place where the first missionary arrived in 1913 from Denmark is a small spot on the huge continent of Africa in Nigeria. In 1914 Rev. and Mrs. Alfred Thompsen were sent by the Lebanon Society of U. S. A., in 1934 synod took over responsibility officially. At the main station, Numan, are the many buildings housing the Headquarters, Hospital, Training Center, Leper Colony and the Girls' School. The field Secretary lives here, presently Pastor A. Pilgaard Petersen, and a large church with several pastors seats 1000 and is filled every Sunday. Through the years work has begun in other tribes! there are now 250 stations which have clinics, government inspected schools, and/or leper colonies, obstetric clinics, book stores, evan- gelist school. Over 100 men and women have worked in Sudan these 40-odd years; our present missionaries are Helen Margaret Jacobsen, Margaret Nissen, Rev. and Mrs. Donald Wahlgren, Ilean Rohe and Rev and Mrs. Mark Thomsen.

Santal Mission of the Northern Churches

The mission has had its place in the love of our people since the early 1900's but did not become a synod project until 1945. Our first missionaries, Rev. and Mrs. J. M. Girtz and Miss Anna Olesen, went out in 1925, Dr. Dagmar Pedersen in 1931 and Anne Elizabeth Jorgensen in 1956.

Work actually began in Bengal, India, in the 1870's. There are now 76 congregations west of the Ganges river; in As- sam there are 10,000 members in 51 congregations; between these two Christian communities there are many small and scattered congregations on the Northern Bengal plains; al- so among the Boros, Bengalis and in East Pakistan the Gos- pel has borne fruit. Dispensaries, Hospitals and Leper Colo- nies, as well as village, station, middle and high schools work for the Lord.

(Continued on Page 13)

"Inefficiency and High Overhead In the Church"

Editor, The Ansgar Lutheran

Sir:

I read somewhere that in 1955 Americans gave **less than one percent** of their national income for all charitable and religious purposes combined. On the other hand, in the same year Americans spent about **twenty percent** of their national income on amusement, i.e.—entertainment, liquor, gambling, tobacco, fishing, hunting, golfing, other sports, and vacationing. Yet the man on the street has the effrontery to use the phrase: "We generous Americans."

When the expression, "The pocket book is the last stronghold of Satan" is referred to as a time-worn cliché, I think it is because people resent the truth that it expresses. Cliché or not, it is one of the basic truths concerning human nature, one that Christ also emphasized frequently, as witness His words: "Go, sell all that you have and give it to the poor." He spoke these words to a man in whose pocket-book Satan was well ensconced, so well, in fact, that this man would have to get rid of the whole pocketbook to disengage Satan from the throne on which he sat, through this man's love of money.

Satan has a clever trick, against which Christians should be warned. He whispers in the ear of a Christian, "Don't give too much. That would really be a sin. Don't you see? The church is greedy too! Its overhead is too high. It is inefficient!" Satan fails to mention, however, that the Christian is part of the church himself and that if a church is greedy, it is because its people are greedy. If a church is inefficient, it is because its people are inefficient. If its overhead is too high, it is because its people arrange it that way, but not in the usual sense of the words, high overhead or inefficiency. Because the funds that actually get into the treasuries of Lutheran Churches are handled honestly, efficiently, and reach their intended destinations without fail. The inefficiency and high overhead in the church lie elsewhere.

A man in our congregation who calls a spade (I am referring to Joe, about whom I wrote to you some months ago) explains this overhead thing neatly, I think. The other day Joe said: "It beats me. I go out to see a man about going to church next Sunday and he says he can't make it because he has a new boat and motor as well as some new fishing gear he is going to try out. This same guy is the guy who told me he was broke when I asked him about his pledge to the church last fall. Now he is trying out a new boat and motor! As soon as you talk to people about giving to the church, everybody's broke. But broke or not, they can always find money for goofing-off in a bowling alley or on a lake or on a trip. If these guys would just give the equivalent to the church—I mean give the same amount to the church that they spend goofing-off, the Lord's cause would really gain some ground. These same guys have the nerve to refer to themselves as **generous Americans**. I can remember them being against the Marshall plan too, some years back. These are also the wise-guys who talk about inefficiency and high overhead in the handling of church funds. Boy! Are they lost in the woods!"

Joe covers a lot of ground when he talks, but his point is well-taken and true. The high overhead in the church is one of two places. (A) It is either still in the pocket-books of the church members, (B) or the church members have spent same for non-essentials. In other words the overhead lies not in the handling of funds already given. For funds given to churches are handled usually with an almost uncanny skill—in view of the fact that they are so meager.

No, actually **inefficiency and overhead** in the handling of church funds take place only when the money in the church treasury **IS NOT SPENT!** Money given to the church is to be **spent** for various Kingdom purposes! Only if it is **not** spent would a church member have the right to question the integrity of the treasurer, the pastor, or the church council. Inefficiency, overhead, shortages, and embezzlements from the Lord's treasury take place before any money ever reaches the offering plates. They take place in people's pocketbooks, the last stronghold of Satan.

Yours,

Scrip Sundry

Recipe For Vacation Bible School

By Wilson C. Egbert

Take twenty-five tons of cover in a dozen or more colors, add more tons of white paper, still more fine lessons of God's Holy Word, garnish with a baker's dozen shades of ink, decorate with about 225 pieces for the four sets of puppets, add exotic items like a plastic-coated paper for junior work and some special textured paper imported from Germany—and, "Voilà! a vacation Bible school is ready to be brown and serve."

If getting all this together for a vacation school sounds like a mountain of work, that's exactly what it is. A hundred fifty or more separate printed items flow together to make a wide activity packets for kindergarten, primary, junior, and intermediate classes, pupil lesson materials for each age group from 4-14 (a separate nursery course is also available), teacher's guides that are packed with help. Let's take a look at this series from appetizer to dessert.

Vacation Bible Schools

Please take note

God's Holy Law series is built around the meaning of the Ten Commandments for Christians. The entree—the commanding central all planning for a spiritual feast. Bible stories for each day give the background of the giving of God's law. His people. Summaries of the commandments are easily arrived at words that first suggest, and later the solid catechetical truths of the Word applied to life. Explanations graded to the age of the child. There's no asking a primary child to bite into intermediate—or a sized truth,—especially since those front teeth are sometimes missing.

There are appetizers, too, for children just out of school and bursting with energy and spiritual hunger. Color is used with a lavish and exacting hand. From the four-picture of Moses to the dozen shades of color used in the intermediate activity packet this series provides a pleasant learning experience.

There are new ideas, too, served out before the children like a bowl at the table. Intermediates get a thrill out of matching their answers against the I. Q. Worksheets. Ju-

There are new ideas, too, served out before the children like a bowl at the table. Intermediates get a thrill out of matching their answers against the I. Q. Worksheets. Ju-

I have a daily reminder of the two tables of the law in every appearance of the two color **Junior Study Guides**. Primary children will carry home a paper disk each with pictures and stories—their **Primary Records**. The list for these records has a regular feature column in **The Weekly Reader**. The net effect is a delightful "record" that is the story of the truths learned at Vacation Church school.

Kindergarten children will have a complete learning experience with their packet of Kindergarten Pictures. Ten "8 x 11" pictures will remind these pre-school children the ten Bible stories they heard. Each of these pictures will be framed with a colored border in a wood grain pattern. A bit of cellophane tape or paste—and Jon or Joan Kindergarten will have ten pictures for his bedroom wall. (He may even want to color them if you will allow it.)

In addition a booklet will be made by the kindergarten pupils—with all pictures furnished. There's no need for teachers to hunt for pictures to review the experience by which the child has learned and lived at school. Color? Most certainly. The lovely pastel shades we used and the ink maker stirring his colors like crazy before we had what we wanted.

And there's more! As a kind of special dessert an activity packet has been provided for every age group from kindergarten to intermediate. Fours and fives will have a package containing a project a day. So will the primary children—a different project a day for those who have just finished grades 1, 2, and 3.

Juniors get a chance to try out their skills on a heavy plastic-coated paper map. Before we used this new plastic we gave it a "bending test" to check on its toughness under heavy usage. Key points are printed on the map and instructions are given for completing the map lesson by lesson.

When the junior finishes his work he'll have a fine map of the Exodus from Egypt and a border of ten symbols or pictures to tell the story in chronological fashion. Those pictures can be of very simple design or they may be a detailed review of the story.

A plaque containing a plain version of the Ten Commandments is printed in an antique style in two colors. This plaque when completed will have the appearance of an ancient religious document. The **Junior Activity Packet** was designed to provide a challenge and at the same time enough material to enable the pupil to do his work well.

Intermediates have their own packet, an **Ought-to-Mobile**. This mobile may be made out of the varicolored paper and in the packet. The packet is complete—with pictures and all printed materials. Those who are handy with tools may wish instead to create their mobile out of wood or metal. In that instance the package will furnish the patterns and pictures needed.

The 80-page **Teacher's Guides** for each department and the 64-page **Superintendent's Guide**, provide a fairly complete set of suggestions for the session. Those teachers who do not wish to make use of **Activity Packets** will find alternate suggestions for creative activities.

The beginning teacher will find here an extensive story treatment that means easier preparation. From the housewife who hesitantly volunteers to teach to the school teacher who devotes her skills to the church's service these texts will provide a wide range of practical help and inspiration. The housewife will find step-by-step guidance here. The school teacher will find enriching creative suggestions in abundance.



Mme. Louise Jorgensen of Copenhagen, Denmark, gave a dramatic recitation of the Book of Job at Dana last Tuesday to a small but appreciative gathering of students and visitors.

Mme. Jorgensen astonished her audience with her superb acting and memorization of the entire Book of Job. She transferred the Book into a warm and living drama. It was a performance that those who attended will not soon forget.

During the afternoon, Mme. Jorgensen recited the first part of **The Chronicle of Sorrow of Leonora Christina**, an important prose work of the 17th Century filled with fascinating human document of high literary quality.

Mme. Jorgensen, who appeared at Dana through the cooperation of the Department of Education of the Danish Government, held her audience on the edge of their seats through both performances. Her apparent ease and knowledge of her subject matter made the material leap into full life before the eyes of the audience.

CHOIR AND BAND TO PERFORM

The Dana A Capella Choir is scheduled to perform in two Iowa communities this month. Our churches at Elk Horn and at Council Bluffs are sponsoring the performances.

The Dana College Band will make a three day tour later this month. Their evening concerts are scheduled at Des Moines, Iowa and Plainview, Nebraska. The group will perform at high schools along their route during the day.

MEN FOR MINISTRY CONFERENCE

Dana College is one of forty colleges and churches in the United States that will sponsor a "Men For The Ministry" Conference during 1958-59. The conferences are to be held in every section of the country.



THE LUTHER LEAGUE

John W. Nielsen, Editor

RESURRECTION THOUGHTS

By Tom M. Olson

Without doubt, the bodily resurrection of the Lord Jesus Christ is the keystone in the search for truth.

Consider the fact that He said He would rise from the dead:

"Behold, we go up to Jerusalem; and the Son of man shall be betrayed unto the chief priests and unto the scribes, and they shall condemn Him to death, and shall deliver Him to the Gentiles to mock and to scourge, and to crucify Him; and the third day He shall rise again." (Matthew 20:18-19).

And He did rise again:

"He is not here: for He is risen, as He said. Come, see the place where the Lord lay." (Matthew 28:6).

"But now is Christ risen from the dead, and become the first fruits of them that slept." I Corinthians 15:20).

The tremendous importance of the resurrection of the Lord Jesus Christ can be seen in the following facts:

(1) His resurrection is a vital feature of the Gospel.

"For I have delivered unto you first of all that which I also received, how that Christ died for our sins, according to the scriptures; and that He was buried, and that He rose again the third day, according to the scriptures." (I Corinthians 15:3-4).

"Remember that Jesus Christ of the seed of David was raised from the dead according to my gospel." (2 Timothy 2:8).

(2) His resurrection is necessary to our salvation.

"And if Christ be not raised, your faith is vain; ye are yet in your sins." (I Corinthians 15:17).

"That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised Him from the dead, thou shalt be saved." (Romans 10:9).

(3) His resurrection is necessary to our justification.

The promise is that righteousness shall be imputed to us "if we believe on Him that raised up Jesus our Lord from the dead; who was delivered for our offences, and was raised again for our justification." (Romans 4:24-25).

(4) His resurrection is necessary to our fruitfulness.

"Wherefore, my brethren, ye also are become to the law by the body of Christ; that ye should be buried to another, even to Him who is raised from the dead, that we should bring forth fruit unto God." (Romans 7:4).

(5) His resurrection is necessary to our consecration.

"For the love of Christ constraineth us; because thus judge, that if one died for all, then were all clean; and that He died for all, that they which live should not henceforth live unto themselves, but unto Him who died for them and rose again." (2 Corinthians 5:14-15).

(6) His resurrection is necessary to our security.

"Who is he that condemneth? It is Christ that died, yea rather, that is risen again, who is even at the right hand of God, who also maketh intercession for us." (Romans 8:34).

"Wherefore, He is able also to save them to the uttermost that come unto God by Him, seeing He ever liveth to make intercession for them." (Hebrews 7:25).

(7) His resurrection is necessary to our resurrection.

"For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so them also which sleep in Jesus will God bring with Him." I Thessalonians 4:14).

"For our conversation is in heaven; from whence we look for the Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ: who shall change our vile body, that it may be fashioned like unto His glorious body, according to the word whereby He is able to subdue all things unto himself." (Philippians 3:20-21).

The Saviour himself said: "Thus it is written, and it behooved Christ to suffer, and to rise from the dead the third day: and that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in His name among all nations, beginning at Jerusalem." (Luke 24:46-47).

What does a crucified, buried, risen, exalted, glorified Saviour mean to you?

The Lord Raised Up Judges

By John W. Nielsen

Gideon had sounded the alarm in the north of Israel, and the people had responded. Thirty-two thousand came. From Manasseh and Asher, from Zebulun and Naphtali, they made their way to the spring of Rod. What a splendid armed array!

But then, when everything was ready, their leader wavered. What if God did not really intend to deliver Israel at his hand? The doubt of Gideon had to be silenced by the double sign of the fleece. With its leader again confident, the army was ready for the attack. But there was to be yet another delay. This time on the part of God.

When God beheld the large host of Israel, He knew that if He granted them the victory they would be likely to take the credit to themselves. Only by an unexpected deliverance at the hand of a few would they recognize that it was the hand of God and not their own might that brought success.

To accomplish this purpose, God instructs Gideon to allow all those who are fearful to return home. Their need need not necessarily be for their personal safety; it might also be concern for their families and other responsibilities. What a welcome opportunity for an honorable discharge! Twenty-two thousand soldiers took advantage of it, two-thirds of Gideon's entire army, and his ranks were still too large in the eyes of God!

In order to further reduce the size of the army, God directs Gideon to take his men to the stream to drink. Three hundred of them lapped water from their hands; the other 9,700 knelt down and drank directly from the flowing water. It is useless to read any meaning into their manner of drinking. God had but one purpose, to reduce their number, and we can safely conclude that the smaller group, no matter how they might have drunk, would have been chosen.

It was a restless and deeply concerned general who remained awake on the eve of battle. To bolster his courage, God led him together with his servant Purah to stealthily visit the enemy's camp. There in the excitement of a dream that they overheard one soldier tell another, Gideon discovered the demoralized condition of the enemy troops.

Hurrying back to his camp, Gideon arouses his own men and prepares them for a night attack. Surprise, confusion, noise, and lights will be their chief weapons. Amidst crashing jars and sounding trumpets, blazing torches and noisy shouts, the host of Midian would be surrounded and confused. "A sword for the Lord and for Gideon!" became their battle cry.

YOUTH OFFICE BULLETIN BOARD

LUTHER LEAGUE TOPIC FOR MAY IS SOCIAL ACTION

Your 1957-58 Youth Programs Annual contains the following programs on Social Action:

"Parents For A Day"	page 23
"I Can Serve Now"	33
"My Gang"	53
"Do I Understand My Parents?"	67
"You Are The Censor"	69
"Labor, Management And The Church" ..	95
"Politics—A Challenge To Christian Youth" ..	105
"Youth And The Home On Trial"	120

Order "The Uniting Word," (the Luther League's guide for daily devotions) from THE YOUTH OFFICE, Rt. 1, Blair, Nebraska. Just 5¢ per copy.

"They stood every man in his place round about the camp, and all the army ran; they cried out and fled. When they blew the three hundred trumpets, the Lord set every man's sword against his fellow and against all the army; and the army fled as far as Beth-shittah toward Zererah, as far as the border of Abel-meholah, by Tabbath. And the men of Israel were called out from Naphtali and from Asher and from all Manasseh, and they pursued after Midian."

APRIL WORSHIP

My risen Lord, I feel Thy strong protection;
I see Thee stand among the graves today;
"I am the Way, the Life, the Resurrection,"
I hear Thee say.
And all the burdens I have carried sadly
Grow light as blossoms on an April day;
My cross becomes a staff, I journey gladly
This Easter day.

—Author Unknown

BY THE FIRESIDE

For, lo, the winter is past, the rain is over and
gone;

The flowers appear on the earth; the time of
the singing of birds is come, and the voice of the
turtle is heard in our land.

Song of Solomon

(2:11, 12)

A PRAYER FOR PASTOR AND PEOPLE

By Paul Mohler

Father, I thank thee for this church
and its pastor and for the good they
have done, are doing and may yet do.
I pray Thee to make the church a
great stronghold of his kingdom, a
bright light in the dark world, and a
center of spiritual power, soul saving,
righteousness and good works.

Enlighten each member, enliven
each one with eternal life, sanctify
and consecrate each one, strengthen
each one in righteousness, faith, love,
zeal, and devotion.

Guide each one. Give each one
the joy of thy salvation and growth
in grace and in the knowledge of
Jesus. Pour into each heart the love
of God through the Holy Spirit, to
bind them in strong loving unity, fel-
lowship, mutual interest and co-op-
erative service with the church.

If any sin, reveal to them their
sins, convict them of their guilt and
the danger and degradation of their
sins so clearly that they will repent,
confess, pray to thee for pardon and
for power to overcome sin and live
righteous lives. When they so come
to thee, do thou forgive them and
grant them the power they ask and
need.

Restore to them the joy of thy sal-
vation and full communion with our
Savior. Move them in gratitude for
thy gracious forgiveness, with strong
desire and determination to win souls

for thee, build up thy church, and
promote righteousness throughout the
community.

Bless the pastor and his wife with
strong loving unity in their home life,
their church work, and in all their
affairs. Bless them in all their rela-
tionships, that they may be helped by
others and not hindered. Bless them
with all things necessary to life and
godliness. Bless them in their ministry
that they may always be faithful,
earnest, active, efficient and fruitful.
Give them strong faith, love, zeal,
power and wisdom, with tact, skill,
and grace in dealing with members
of the church and nonmembers.

To this end, do thou move into
each member, especially the pastor
and his wife, with the Holy Spirit, the
Holy Word, and the grace of Christ
in great power, so as to make each
member a bright light and a true,
faithful, active, and powerful witness
for Christ. Amen.

—Gospel Messenger

PRAYER FOR A DAY

That I may do what must be done
Of household duties, one by one;
And not forget the kindly deed
For some poor soul in urgent need.

That all my words may gentle be,
Fruits of a heart full of charity;
With naught of anger, scorn or fear,
To dim the joy of living here.

That all my thoughts be free from
stain

Of malice, greed or selfish gain;
That I may follow through this day
Thine only Son—He knows the way.

—Lelia P. Leach

EXAMPLE OR SUBSTITUTION

At the close of a service in
mantown, Pa., a stranger acco-
the late Dr. D. M. Stearns.

"I don't like your preaching,"
said. "I do not care for the Cro-
think that instead of preachings
death of Christ on the Cross, it w-
be far better to preach Jesus
Teacher and Example."

"Would you then be willing to
low Him if I preached Christ
Example?" replied Dr. Stearns.

"I would," said the stranger
will follow in His steps."

"Then," said Dr. Stearns, "lea-
take the first step. 'Who did not
Can you take this step?'"

The stranger looked confused.
he said, "I do sin, and I acknowl-
it."

"Well, then," said Dr. Stearns,
"your first need of Christ is not
an Example, but as a Saviour."

And this is every man's need.
man 3:23-26).

—Select

BREAD

He knew what hunger a man
feel,

So he broke the fishes and bread
That the weary thousands who
lowed him

Might be strengthened and feed
He knew what hunger a soul
feel,

Sharing the husks with swine,
So he gave his broken body
blood

For bread and wine.

—Leslie Savage Cla

"How come you don't like
girls?"

"Oh, they're too biased."

"Biased?"

Yes, biased. It's bias this and
that till I'm broke."

—Chicago Daily New

A drill sergeant was drilling
recruit squad in the use of the
All went smoothly until blank
tridges were distributed. The
cruits were instructed to load
pieces and stand at "ready," and
the sergeant gave the comm-
"Fire at will!"

Private Lunn was puzzled. He
ered his gun.

"Which one is Will?" he ask-

—Exchan

Punster. "Say, Bill, what two
of wood make a match?"

Bill: "That's easy. He would
she would."

FOREIGN MISSIONS

(Continued from Page 7)

Colombia

Our newest enterprise began in 1946 in Colombia when C and UELC took over work begun in 1936. Our territory is among 800,000 unchurched and largely uneducated nominal Catholics, and we work from four stations: Bogota, capital; Tunja and ElCocuy where we have mission

homes and chapels; Socota where a chapel is being rebuilt; in Sogamoso a strong evangelical center is planned, capable of reaching the city and outlying areas. There are schools in other cities as well. Much has been done through the Bible School, as well as by translations of Christian literature: books, commentaries, hymnbooks, tracts, etc. Our missionaries are Rev. Arnfeld Morck and Helen Danielson.

WASHINGTON OBSERVER

(Continued from Page 5)

A careful, or even a cursory, examination of this far-flung arrangement will reveal its great usefulness in a society as complex as our own. We commend it to our people for their better understanding, for their continuing support and last, but not least, for such help as it might give them in their own day of need.

CHURCH NEWS

(Continued from page 4)

Miss de Kalbermatten cited as other examples of cultured women the realization of their major role in social life "which is nearest to them and which they share with husbands as the primary responsibility of the family," and their spiritual values, including those which make them apt to be the guardians of peace.

NEW LUTHERAN PROJECT SERVES 400 AGED

Four hundred persons now living without social security and old age assistance will find homes in a 419-unit housing area at Hastings, Nebr. operated by the Evangelical Lutheran and Samaritan Society.

It is the most ambitious project of the society, which is backed by the American Lutheran Church, and of the general superintendent, the Rev. August Hoeger of Fargo, N. D.

The society, which operates 58 homes and two hospitals in a dozen Midwest states, has an option to buy the remaining 386 units in the 805-unit housing development.

Built in Hastings' Spencer Park more than a decade ago by the Federal Public Housing Administration, the homes are of cement-block construction. The society is paying Hastings \$2,500 over an eight-year period for the first 419 units.

Dr. Hoeger began the work of the society in 1923 with a \$2,000 fund which he rented a seven-room house in Arthur, N. D. He hired

nurses to care for patients who crowded in, and soon rented a second house.

His work expanded with the founding of the society and the purchase of land for still another home. Since that time the society has launched the Lutheran Hospital and Homes Society, which operates nearly 60 hospitals and homes. Dr. Hoeger also has helped found at least 15 other homes for the aged operated by other church groups.

Superintendent of the Hastings project is the Rev. William Goldbeck, a pastor of the U.E.L.C.

HOW TO GET OUT OF DEBT

(Continued from Page 1)

that we are giving to God. We are not giving to poverty, but to abundance—to riches. When we give a dollar to God, He can match it with His great wealth. Our Father is rich.

Ralph Waldo Emerson discusses debt in these words: "... It is always the part of prudence to face every claimant and pay every just demand on your time, your talents, or your heart. Always pay; for first or last you must pay your entire debt. Persons and events may stand for a time between you and justice, but it is only a postponement. You must pay at last your own debt. If you are wise you will dread a prosperity which only loads you with more. Benefit is the need of nature. But for every benefit which you receive, a tax is levied. He is great who confers the most benefits. He is base—and that is the one base thing in the universe—to receive favors and render none. In the order of nature we cannot render benefits to those from whom we receive them—or only seldom. But the benefit we receive must be rendered again, line for line, deed for deed, cent for cent, to somebody. Beware of too much good staying in your hand. It will fast corrupt

and form worms. Pay it away quickly in some sort."

—Free Methodist

NEW SOVIET PREMIER REAFFIRMS HIS ATHEISM

Nikita S. Khrushchev reaffirmed his belief that "there is no God" in an interview with a French journalist at Moscow shortly before he was elected by the Supreme Soviet as Premier of the U.S.S.R.

The 63-year-old Ukrainian, now Russia's most powerful figure since the death of Stalin, described himself instead as "adherent of a scientific outlook."

At the same time the successor of ousted Nikolai A. Bulganin declared in the interview, the full text of which was published in Pravda and Izvestia, top Communist Party organs, that the question of religious belief is "a private matter for each person."

Mr. Khrushchev made world headlines in November, 1954, by signing a Communist Party decree that called for a halt to certain church persecutions. The decree criticized officials who had tolerated interference with church activities and told Russian anti-religious workers to stop insulting the feelings of clergymen and churchgoers.

However, other parts of the decree made it clear that the Communists intended no change in their policy of "educating" the people away from religion. Recent years have witnessed systematic campaigns by Communist propagandists to wean the people, especially youths, from "religious superstition."

Premier Krushchev was interviewed by a correspondent of the Paris Figaro,

(Continued on Page 15)

GUYER AND HANSEN

LOANS

INSURANCE — REAL ESTATE

Successor to N. T. Lund Co.

Blair, Nebraska

H. Lyle Guyer

P. V. Hansen

*Synodical Budget comprises: (1) Children's Homes, (2) School Fund, (3) General,
(4) Home Mission, (5) Indian Mission, (6) Pension Fund.
**Extra-Synodical Comprises: (F) Foreign Mission (where most needed), (So.) South America,
(Ja.) Japan, (Sa.) Santal, (Su.) Sudan, (J) Jewish, (Ch.) China.

	Fiscal Year	Calendar Year	Cal Yr
	TOTAL	Synodical*	Extra-Synodical**
Budget (Synodical 1957-58, LWA 1958)	379216.04		526
Previously acknowledged—March 29, 1958	276439.02	252054.05	21915.68
Toronto, Ont., Canada, Mrs. Anna Bondo, in memory of Mrs. Christina Nelson, Neola, Ia.	5.00	(F)	5.00
Glendale, Ariz., Remitted by Anna Mikaelson from Mr. and Mrs. Ellsworth Hansen of Austin, Minn., in memory of Hans Mikaelson	1.00	(J.)	1.00
Fresno, Calif., Bethel Ev. Luth. Church, balance of 1957-58 quota pd. in full	410.96	410.96	
Selma, Calif., Pella Luth. S. S. for Sudan Mission \$54.75, So. Amer. Mission \$59.92	114.67		114.67
Selma, Calif., Pella Ev. Luth. Church	100.00	100.00	
Brush, Colo., First English Luth. Church, collection at time of Helen Jacobsen's visit on March 12	85.30	Su.	85.30
Council Bluffs, Ia., Mrs. H. Johansen	5.00	So.	5.00
Underwood, Ia., Underwood Luth. Church	36.15	36.15	
Storm Lake, Ia., St. Mark's Luth. Church, in memory of Tante Sena Mortensen from Miss Helen Nielsen	10.00	(F)	10.00
Sidney, Mich., Immanuel Luth. Church, in memory of Albert R. Petersen from children of Andrew Lamb, Sr., for Children's Homes	5.00	5.00	
Geneva, Minn., Community Luth. Church for: Synodical quota \$270; in memory of Henry Hagen from friends, for Foreign Missions \$21	291.00	270.00	(F) 21.00
Minneapolis, Minn., Remitted by Mrs. Lena Bondo, in memory of Mrs. N. J. J. Nelson, Neola, Ia., from: Mrs. Sherman Bondo, credit to Immanuel Luth. of Minneapolis \$2; Rev. and Mrs. Edward Hansen, credit to Main St. Luth. of Hutchinson, Minn., \$2 to Home Mission	4.00	4.00	
Kansas City, Mo., Westwood Luth. Church, March Synod. quota payment	200.00	200.00	
Bowbells, N. Dak., Bethlehem Luth. Church, in memory of Nick Funk, for Sudan Mission, from: Mr. and Mrs. Soren Hansen, Christine Hansen, Lester and Doris Hansen, Kenmare, N. D., \$3; Mr. and Mrs. M. C. Nelson and Gary, Bowbells, \$2; Mr. and Mrs. L. R. Whitworth, Bowbells, \$2	7.00	Su.	7.00
Beresford, S. Dak., St. Paul Luth. Ladies Aid (Rockfield) for Synodical Missions	75.00	75.00	
Salt Lake City, Utah, Tabor Luth. S.S.	77.86	18.20	Ja. 28.46
Milwaukee, Wis., Kingo Ev. Luth. Church	250.00	250.00	
Oakland, Calif., Our Saviour's Luth. Church	200.00	200.00	
Des Moines, Ia., Highland Park Luth. Church, offering taken at service at which Rev. Paul Johnsen spoke	32.00	Ja.	32.00
Glidden, Ia., Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Jensen of Glidden and Mr. and Mrs. Harold Christensen of Scranton, Ia., for support of Native Evangelist for April	10.00	Sa.	10.00
Rutland, Ia., Trinity Luth. Church	44.13	So.	44.13
Humboldt, Ia., Trinity Luth. Church	100.00	100.00	
Ringsted, Ia., St. Paul's Luth. Church	500.00	500.00	
Royal, Ia., Bethlehem Luth. Church	45.56	So.	45.56
West Branch, Ia., Bethany Luth. Church	38.35	So.	38.35
Detroit, Mich., Northwest Trinity Luth. Church collection March 16	30.42	Sa.	30.42
Sidney, Mont., Martin H. Iversen, in memory of Mrs. Iversen, Hans and Russell Iversen	100.00		
Westby, Mont., Daneville S. S. for Home Missions	10.00	10.00	
St. Paul, Nebr., The Elba Luth. Ladies Aid, in memory of Mrs. Agnes Rasmussen of St. Paul for Children's Home	5.00	5.00	
Lincoln, Nebr., Synodical Women's Missionary Society Treasurer:			
Illinois District			
Tabitha Ladies Aid, St. Thomas, Trufant	12.00	So.	12.00
St. Paul's Luth. Ladies Aid, Greenville for Pension Fund	10.00	10.00	
Golgotha WMS, Chicago, for Sadasha Hari, Japan	25.00	Ja.	25.00
Atonement Ladies Aid Circle, Chicago	7.00	Su.	7.00
Undesignated funds from W.M.S. Treas.	337.28	337.28	
Eugene, Ore., Bethesda Luth. Church	180.00	180.00	
Aurora, Ore., Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Rasmussen, in memory of Marinus Jensen, credit Bethany Church, Portland, Ore.	5.00		
Portland, Ore., Bethany Luth. Church for: Home Missions, from Women of Bethany \$150; Budget as needed \$150; LWA \$235.50	535.50	300.00	
Racine, Wis., Emmaus Ev. Luth. Church	700.00	700.00	
Warrens, Wis., In memory of parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Sorensen and Mr. and Mrs. Carl Laursen from their son and family, Mr. and Mrs. Chris Laursen, credit to St. Peter's Church of Shenington	5.00	5.00	
Castro Valley, Calif., in memory of W. A. Jensen of Gary, Ind., from Anker M. Jensen, for Home Missions	2.50	2.50	
Norwalk, Calif., Trinity Luth. Church	631.76	542.60	
No. Hollywood, Calif., Valley Luth. Church	324.55	317.05	(F) 7.50
Selma, Calif., Mr. and Mrs. Lewis C. Nelson, for the support of Mr. Wilberforce's training to become a pastor in Sudan Mission	150.00	Su.	150.00
Exira, Ia., Exira Luth. S. S.	165.60	So.	165.60
Dearborn, Mich., Rev. and Mrs. Aaron E. Christiansen in memory of Andrew Johnson of Immanuel Luth. Church, Racine, Wis., for Dana College fund	5.00	5.00	
Greenville, Mich., St. Paul's Ev. Luth. Church	569.50	400.00	Sa. 169.50
Blair, Nebr., First Luth. Church	514.83	500.00	(F) 14.83
Denmark, Wis., Our Savior's Luth. Church	2950.00	2950.00	
Remittance from West Canada District Treasurer: St. Paul's Luth. Church, Olds, Canada	115.00	115.00	
TOTAL	286477.94	260602.79	22945.00

Received with thanks.

Blair, Nebraska, April 5, 1958.

P. V. Hansen, Treasurer

CHURCH NEWS FROM HERE AND THERE

POSTAL RATES

pressure over the past several years out the Post Office Department on post accounting basis and bring it of the red have culminated in a tal Policy and Rate Increase bill (R. 5836) which has passed both ses. Conferees are now at work ing out the difference between the versions.

one of the main values of the bill he hammering out of a postal pol- which differentiates between the lic welfare services which the Post ice system is called on to perform tis, or without adequate financial urn, and mail collection, transmit- and delivery, which should be ced on a self-supporting basis. A- ng the former are: providing no- y public services; collecting customs ; registering aliens; receiving and smitting funds for volunteer char- ; certifying women and children pension benefits; distributing ine tax and other government nks; and many others.

The bill raises postal rates for every ss of mail. Letter rates go up to ents (5 cents in the Senate version), mail to 8 cents, post cards to 3 ts. Newspapers and periodicals get e annual rate increases of 10 per- t for the nonadvertising portion, percent for the advertising portion. e low preferential rates for pericals of non-profit organizations are tinued by granting a fixed percent- eduction from the new rates, g from 35 to 50 percent.

AGRICULTURAL SURPLUS

A new farm surplus bill (S. 3420) been reported out by the Senate mmittee on Agriculture and For- y. It extends for two years the sent Agricultural Trade Develop- nt and Assistance Act, parts of ich expire on June 30, 1958. Title under which the program of sur- s food distribution through volun- y relief agencies has been carried does not have any cut-off date der the present law.

The bill as approved by the commit- would boost by \$500 million the ount available in this fiscal year ale of farm surpluses to friendly ntires, and would raise the amount each of the next two years from illion to \$1.5 billion. It would o provide for an expanded barter gram.

A brand new feature would be ed under the proposed legislation.

It provides that the foreign currency acquired by sale of farm surpluses may be used: (1) for an exchange program involving farm youth, agri-cultural leaders, labor leaders, indus-trialists, journalists, civic leaders, etc., under the Smith-Mundt Act (it is al-ready being used for exchange of teachers and students under the Ful-bright Act); (2) for financial assist-ance to American-sponsored educa-tional institutions abroad in carrying on programs of vocational, profession-al, scientific, and technological edu-cation; (3) to finance workshops in other countries for the teaching of subjects such as American history, the English language, and American edu-cational techniques; and (4) to sup-port chairs of American studies in foreign schools.

PROTESTANTS INCREASE W. GERMANY'S POPULATION

About 77% of the estimated 3,000,-000 refugees from the Soviet Zone in-to West Germany are Protestants and only 15% Catholics.

As a result, traditionally Roman Catholic communities now have large Protestant populations. For example, Bonn, capital of West Germany, formerly almost entirely Catholic, has nearly as many Protestants as Catho-lics.

Munich, capital of Bavaria; Mainz, Düsseldorf, and other cities have un-dergone similar changes in the pro-portion between the two faiths.

The 1950 West German census re-corded 50.7% Protestant and 45.2% Catholics.

Since 1945, membership in the Evan-gelical Church in the Rhineland in-creased from 2,400,000 to 3,600,000, causing an acute shortage of pastors to serve the Evangelical constituency.

NEW SOVIET PREMIER REAFFIRMS HIS ATHEISM

(Continued from Page 13)

who asked: "Do you think that God exists or some other Higher Power?"

Before putting the question, the cor-respondent said he knew very well that Mr. Khrushchev had "dedicated the greater part of his life to the struggle against religion." But he not-ed also that "you have never spoken openly against religious feelings."

"I think that there is no God and for a long time I have had such an idea," the new Premier replied. "I am an adherent of a scientific outlook. Science and the belief in supernatural powers cannot go together, especially if you have a thoroughly logical out-look."

In the same breath, he dismissed as "much rubbish" what he said were attempts to prove that Communists "who do not believe in God cannot have praiseworthy, lofty feelings."

"Communists," Mr. Khrushchev de-clared, "are the most human people because they are waging this struggle to achieve a good life, and not just for themselves."

On the other hand he claimed, "in the capitalist world, rich people want to have a good life only for them-selves and do not care about the others."

He pointed to America where, he said, "we see a radical reduction of production and the growth of un-employment, while a small handful of millionaires and billionaires have enormous wealth and millions of peo-ple are without jobs."

"They would die from privation and impoverishment and the millionaires do not care," Mr. Khrushchev said, "Such is the lot of people under capi-talism, where private property con-trols the means of production."

Commenting that "many of these millionaires and billionaires are re-ligious believers," the Premier went on to praise the system in Communist Russia.

"We Communists," he said, "are a-gainst such things. We think that everyone has the right to work, to the good life which human society creates for all people. We are for real equality for all people. We care about every living person and about the society in which they live."

"That is our ideal and conviction. I think that is much better than to believe in God and then to chuck out people from factories and plants as the religious capitalists do. The ques-tion as to who believes in God and who does not is not a matter for con-flict—that is a private matter for each person. That is why it is better not to talk on such topics in a very detailed way."

Quality Printing . . .

- Letterheads - Envelopes
- Reports
- Booklets of All Kinds
- Parish Papers
- General Church Printing

Write for Prices or Quotations

Mail Order - Fast Service

- All Lutheran Materials
- Books
- Bibles
- Sunday School Materials
- Church Supplies

Write for Catalog

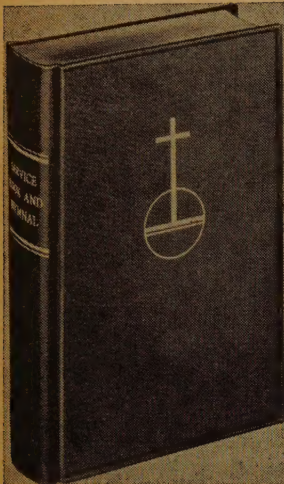
Lutheran Publishing House

200 South Fifth Street

Blair, Nebraska

New Lutheran

Service Book and Hymnal



- * 602 Hymns—Complete words and music
- * Handsome red cloth cover
- * Title and symbol stamped in gold
- * Moisture-proof Pyroxalin coating
- * Cover size— $5\frac{3}{4}$ x $8\frac{5}{8}$ inches
- * 1,024 pages— $1\frac{7}{16}$ inches thick

The New Lutheran Service Book and Hymnal includes practically all of the familiar hymns, common to all hymnals, plus a selection of the best hymns from English, American, German, Scandinavian, and Latin sources, many of them with new translations made for the hymnal.

The service portion of the hymnal includes The Service (in text), The Service in two musical settings, The Matins, The Vespers, special services for Baptism, Confirmation, Marriage, Public Confession, Burial, and other liturgical material such as Introits, Collects, Graduals, References for the Lessons, The Psalms, The Canticles, General Prayers, The Suffrages, and General Rubrics.

For the first time since Lutheranism was brought to our shores in 1638, followers of Martin Luther in America are to have a common book of worship. A committee representing eight Lutheran church groups has been at work for 12 years in preparing the church's hymnal for our time.

\$3.85 per copy in any quantity (On individual cash orders add 20¢ for postage and handling).

Orders are being shipped in sequence as they were received by us.

Orders are now being accepted for second printing.

SUPPORT YOUR CHURCH-OWNED PUBLISHING HOUSE

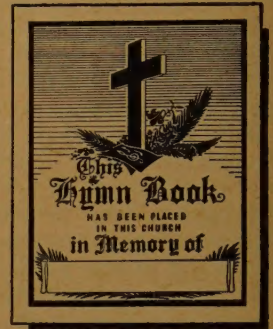


Lutheran PUBLISHING HOUSE
200 SOUTH FIFTH STREET
BLAIR, NEBRASKA

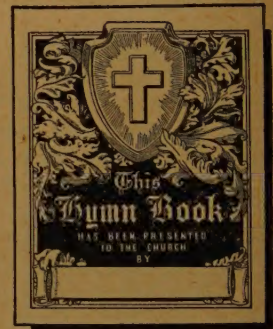
BOOK PLATES

An effective means of acknowledging gifts and memorials. Each is printed in black on white gummed paper. Size $2\frac{3}{4}$ x $3\frac{3}{4}$ inches.

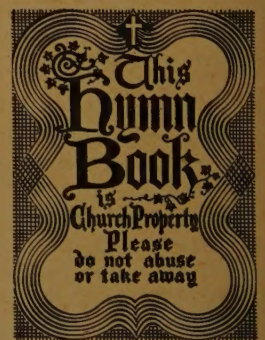
40¢ per envelope of 50
Order by Number:



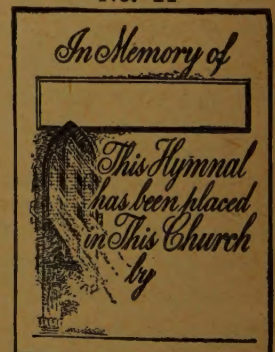
No. 11



No. 13



No. 14



No. 16